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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the Patent Office on March 2, 2009. Applicant believes that no fees are due. If any fees are required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-1700, reference no. GIU-001.

Group Election

The Office has required Applicant, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits from the inventions the Office identifies as ***Groups I-II***.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the invention of ***Group I***, namely the subject matter defined by claims 10, 20 and 26-29 for further examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this restriction requirement as applied to Group II, insofar as a search for publications relating to the claims of Group I should reveal publications relating to Group II and, thus, would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests rejoinder of Groups I and II.

The Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute groups, and corresponding claims, not elected herein in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application.